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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COAL
2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the establishment of an
6 in-state coal coking facility.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 WHEREAS the use of the abundant reserves of Alaska's low-grade coal to
9 develop an industrial base in the state is consistent with the state's
10 policy of encouraging the processing of the state's natural resources in
11 Alaska; and

12 WHEREAS residual oil from state royalty oil could be blended with coal
13 from state coal reserves to produce coking coal, a coal having properties
14 which makes it competitive in domestic and foreign markets; and

15 WHEREAS the state has agreed to allot portions of its royalty oil to
16 in-state refiners, but the firms operating these refineries have shown
17 little interest in making residual oil produced at the refineries available
18 for purposes of blending with coal to produce a coal of coking quality; and

19 WHEREAS the Department of Natural Resources, as custodian of resources
20 of the state for all Alaskans, could perform an important service for the
21 people of the state by attempting to secure the cooperation of coal producers
22 and in-state refiners of state royalty oil in planning, designing, and
23 constructing an in-state coking facility;

24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it respectfully
25 requests the Governor to direct the commissioner of natural resources to
26 explore ways by which coal from state reserves may be combined with residual
27 oil produced by in-state refineries into coal of coking quality; and be it

28 FURTHER RESOLVED that the commissioner of natural resources should
29 attempt to initiate negotiations involving the firms operating refineries in

1 Alaska, potential coal producers, and others, for the purpose of planning
2 the construction of a coal coking facility in the state; and be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED that negotiations for the purpose of developing a coal
4 coking facility in Alaska which relies on residual state royalty oil be
5 conducted with the understanding by all parties that the state royalty oil
6 required by the coal coking facility will not be sold or exported and will
7 be used only for the purpose of developing a primary coal processing facility
8 in the state.

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